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In re Patent Application for:

Steven Teig

Serial No.: 10/041,957

Filing Date: 1/7/02

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PRE-COMPUTING ROUTES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the "Claim of Benefit to Prior Application" on page 1, lines 1-11, and insert therein a new Claim of Benefit to Prior Applications as follows:

--CLAIM OF BENEFIT TO PRIOR APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application of United States Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus that Utilizes Diagonal Routes," filed on

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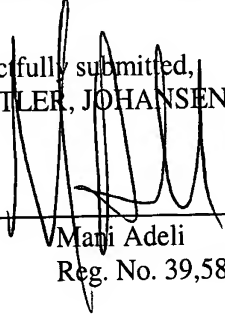
December 7, 2001, and having serial number 10/013,819. This patent application also claims the benefit of the earlier-filed U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Method and Apparatus that Utilize Diagonal Routes", having serial number 60/325,748, and filed 1/19/2001; U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus", having serial number 60/314,580, and filed 8/23/2001; and U.S. Provisional Patent Application entitled "Routing Method and Apparatus", having serial number 60/337,504, and filed 12/6/2001. This patent application is also a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application 10/013,816, filed 10/19/01.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment amends the claim of benefit to include a claim of priority to earlier filed U.S. Application 10/013,816, filed 10/19/01.

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